

Amendments to the Claims:

12. (currently amended) Mail location apparatus operative to locate a mail item inserted thereinto at a predetermined location in first and second mutually perpendicular directions, including:

a first guide for engagement by a first edge of the mail item;

a second guide for engagement by a second edge of the mail item, the second edge being adjacent to and adjoining the first edge at a corner of the mail item; and

a sensor unit operative in response to the mail item being located in the predetermined location with the first edge engaging the first guide and the second edge engaging the second guide, the sensor unit including an elongate face engageable by the mail item, which face is inclined to both the first and second directions such as to be engaged by the corner of the mail item ~~where~~ whether the mail item is inserted in the first direction, the second direction and any direction intermediate thereto.

13. (previously presented) Mail location apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the first guide comprises a first guide wall extending lengthwise in the first direction,

the second guide comprises a second guide wall extending lengthwise in the second direction, and

the first and second guide walls define the predetermined location.

14. (previously presented) Mail location apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein adjacent ends of the first and second guide walls are spaced apart and the face of the sensor unit normally is located to extend between the adjacent ends of the first and second guide walls across a corner of the predetermined location.

15. (previously presented) Mail location apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein the sensor unit is responsive to displacement of the face thereof out of the

predetermined location.

16. (previously presented) Mail location apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein the sensor unit includes an element defining the face engageable by the corner of the mail item, the element being displaceable in a direction inclined to both the first guide wall and the second guide wall by insertion of the mail item into the predetermined location.

17. (previously presented) Mail location apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the element is mounted on a pivot.

18. (previously presented) Mail location apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the sensor unit includes a resilient member operative to urge the element to a location in which the face thereof extends across the corner of the predetermined location.

19. (previously presented) Mail location apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the sensor unit includes a detector responsive to displacement of the element to a position in which the face thereof does not extend across the corner of the predetermined location.

20. (currently amended) Mail location apparatus as claimed in claim 12, further comprising: a support platform for supporting the mail item located in the predetermined location; and a reference wall for referencing the mail item located in the predetermined location; ~~herein~~ wherein the face of the sensor unit extends at least beyond the support platform and the reference wall.

21. (previously presented) Mail location apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the first and second guide walls extend from the reference wall, and the support platform is displaceable between an open position in which the mail item can be

inserted into the predetermined location between the reference wall and the support platform and a closed position in which the mail item located in the predetermined location is held by the reference wall and the support platform.

22. (previously presented) Mail location apparatus as claimed in claim 21 in combination with a print head, wherein the reference wall has an aperture therein, and the print head is selectively operable to print a postal indicium through the aperture in the reference wall onto the mail item located in the predetermined location.

23. (previously presented) Mail location apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the face of the sensor unit is inclined at approximately 45 degrees to the first and second directions.

24. (previously presented) Mail location apparatus operative to locate a mail item at a predetermined location in first and second mutually perpendicular directions, including:

- a first guide for engagement by a first edge of the mail item;

- a second guide for engagement by a second edge of the mail item, the second edge being adjacent to and adjoining the first edge at a corner of the mail item; and

- a sensor unit operative in response to the mail item being located in the predetermined location with the first edge engaging the first guide and the second edge engaging the second guide, the sensor unit including a face inclined to both the first and second directions and engageable by the corner of the mail item, the face being normally located to extend from adjacent ends of the first and second guides across a corner of the predetermined location.

25. (previously presented) Mail location apparatus operative to locate a mail item at a predetermined location in first and second mutually perpendicular directions, including:

a support platform for supporting the mail item located in the predetermined location; and

a reference wall for referencing the mail item located in the predetermined location;

a first guide for engagement by a first edge of the mail item;

a second guide for engagement by a second edge of the mail item, the second edge being adjacent to and adjoining the first edge at a corner of the mail item; and

a sensor unit including a face engageable by the mail item, wherein the sensor unit is operative in response to the mail item being located in the predetermined location with the first edge engaging the first guide and the second edge engaging the second guide, the face of the sensor unit being inclined to both the first and second directions such as to be engaged by the corner of the mail item, and extending at least beyond the support platform and the reference wall.